

Anniversary and applauding the accomplishments of Reverend John A. Cherry. His legacy of spiritual leadership will allow his son to continue his work and influence the hearts and minds of a faithful community for years to come.

**RECOGNIZING NOLAN R. JUSTUS
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT**

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nolan R. Justus, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 288, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nolan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Nolan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nolan R. Justus for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I intended to vote "nay" on rollcall vote 167 to H.R. 5386 taken on May 18, 2006.

TRIBUTE TO ONCOLOGY NURSES

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I want to call attention to the important and essential role that oncology nurses play in providing quality cancer care. These nurses are principally involved in the administration and monitoring of chemotherapy and the associated side-effects patients experience. As anyone ever treated for cancer will tell you, oncology nurses are intelligent, well-trained, highly skilled, kind-hearted angels who provide quality clinical, psychosocial and supportive care to patients, and their families. In short, they are integral to our Nation's cancer care delivery system.

On behalf of the people with cancer and their families in Connecticut's Fourth Congressional District, I would like to specifically acknowledge Karen Stanley from Greenwich, Connecticut, for her service on the Oncology Nursing Society Board of Directors and her role as president of the Oncology Nursing Society. Through her steadfast leadership and commitment to the Oncology Nursing Society,

Karen has advanced policies and programs that reduce and prevent suffering from cancer.

I am proud that the Oncology Nursing Society has two chapters in my home State of Connecticut. Located in Berlin and Brookfield, these chapters serve the oncology nurses in the State and support them in the effort to provide high quality cancer care to patients and their families.

Since 1975, the Oncology Nursing Society has been dedicated to excellence in patient care, teaching, research, administration, and education in the field of oncology. The Oncology Nursing Society is the largest organization of oncology health professionals the world with more than 33,000 registered nurses and other health care professionals. The Society's mission is to promote excellence in oncology nursing and quality cancer care. I commend Karen and her organization for all that they do in the field of oncology.

Cancer is a complex multifaceted and chronic disease, and people with cancer are best served by a multidisciplinary health care team specialized in oncology care, including nurses who are certified in that specialty. According to the American Cancer Society, one in three women and one in two men will receive a diagnosis of cancer at some point in their lives, and one out of every four deaths in the United States results from cancer. This year approximately 17,320 people in Connecticut will be diagnosed with cancer and another 6,990 will lose their battles with this terrible disease. Every day, oncology nurses see the pain and suffering caused by cancer and understand the physical, emotional, and financial challenges that people with cancer face throughout their diagnosis and treatment.

Today, more than two-thirds of cancer cases strike people over the age of 65, and the number of cancer cases diagnosed among senior citizens is projected to double by 2030. At the same time, many of the community-based cancer centers are facing significant barriers in hiring the specialized oncology nurses they need to treat cancer patients. We are on the verge of a major national nursing shortage, and it is estimated there will soon be a shortage of 1.1 million nurses.

I would like to once again acknowledge and thank Karen Stanley for her hard work and leadership as president of ONS. As a nurse and leader in the field, Karen has made it her life's mission to help others and she should be applauded for all she has done.

**A TRIBUTE TO PORTER'S DAY
CARE & EDUCATIONAL CENTER**

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Porter's Day Care & Educational Center on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary.

Porter's Day Care & Educational Center is dedicated to provide quality day care to infants, toddlers, pre-school children of low-income working families, in Philadelphia.

In 1981, Deborah Porter-Greasham's shared her dream of opening a daycare with her family. With their support and help of family members, Evelyn & Sultan Porter, Sr. (parents),

Sultan Porter, Jr., Tyrone Porter & Darlene Porter Davis, Brenda Robinson Porter & Edward Porter, Deborah's dream became a reality with the opening of Porter's Day Care and Educational Center.

Since the opening of Porter's Day Care & Educational Center major expansions over the last 25 years have taken place with the opening of the Broad Street Academy; a private school which emphasizes "back to basic" accelerated academic programs, which enhances values and socialization skills while providing an environment that stimulates each child to reach his/her potential, was one of numerous programs created to further help children. Following the opening of the Broad Street Academy, Porter's Youth development Program, Educational Child Care Center, the Latchkey Program, and a Summer Camp Program were implemented to better the lives of needy children.

Porter's Day Care & Educational Center mission for improving the quality of life and education has continued with the opening of the "Journey Through Literacy" library, housed within the 25 room campus with full-size playground during this year.

I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulation Porter's Day Care & Educational Center, for the past 25 years of service and dedicated commitment to the community.

**HONORING JOHN "J.J." BOUMA
FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO
RAISING AWARENESS OF ALS**

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John "J.J." Bouma for his efforts to raise support and awareness for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis or ALS.

From May 18–24, 2006, John "J.J." Bouma drove, along with 13 other people, from Grand Rapids, Michigan to the Santa Monica pier in California on Route 66 to raise awareness about ALS. While the initial hope was to raise \$66,000, Mr. Bouma's efforts have already raised more than \$265,000. A photographer accompanied the trip to document it for a book and a traveling photo exhibit, which will be used to further raise awareness of the realities of ALS.

ALS, more commonly known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease," is a neurodegenerative disease that attacks nerve cells and pathways connected to the brain and spinal cord. Many patients progress to a point where they become physically paralyzed, but remain cognitively aware. John Bouma's awareness and passion for ALS arose when he was diagnosed with ALS in September of 2005.

Approximately 15 people are diagnosed daily with ALS, most of whom have an average life expectancy of 2 to 5 years. Only about 20 percent of those affected will live an additional 5 years.

John Bouma's efforts to raise money and awareness about this degenerative disease are to be commended. There have been significant advancements in increasing the independence of those afflicted with the disease although there is still no cure.